

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A bumper or guard comprising:
  - a thickened pad having a flat bottom;
  - an elongated shaft having a distal end providing a wedge and an opposite end having a retention head; and
  - said head embedded in said pad with said shaft outwardly projecting from said pad.
2. The bumper or guard defined in Claim 1 wherein:
  - said pad is dome-shaped with a flat circular underside;
  - said shaft projecting from said flat circular underside along a longitudinal axis of said pad; and
  - said pad composed of a semi-rigid material adapted to permit penetration by jagged edges.
3. The bumper or guard defined in Claim 2 wherein:
  - said pad includes a plurality of cavities opening through said flat circular bottom; and
  - said cavities defining a plurality of reinforcement ribs.
4. The bumper or guard defined in Claim 3 including:
  - a core provided in said pad joined by said reinforcement ribs; and
  - said shaft outwardly projecting from said core.

5. The bumper or guard defined in Claim 4 wherein:  
said distal end includes a pair of flat surfaces  
converging together to form a wedge tip.
  6. A protective bumper or guard comprising:  
a dome-shaped pad of semi-rigid material;  
said pad having a flat bottom defined by a circular  
peripheral edge;  
an elongated shaft of rigid material having a wedged tip  
at one of its two ends and a retention head at its other end for  
securement in said pad;  
said head having outwardly projecting flanges embedded  
in said semi-rigid material for retaining said shaft along a  
central longitudinal axis of said pad; and  
said pad adapted to receive penetration of jagged edges  
and points.
7. The protective bumper and guard defined in Claim 6  
including:  
said dome-shaped pad having an apex with a recess therein;  
and  
an identification disk secured in said recess below and  
an exterior surface of said pad.

8. The protective bumper and guard defined in Claim 7 including:

a plurality of cavities in said semi-rigid material opening through said flat bottom to define a plurality of reinforcement ribs.

9. The protective bumper and guard defined in Claim 8 including:

a central core between said cavities for supporting said shaft so as to cantilever outwardly from said pad from said flat bottom.

10. The protective bumper and guard defined in Claim 9 wherein:

said semi-rigid material is of a flexible and soft composition.